

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, located under the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 09/941,893, filed August 28, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of priority from commonly owned U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/228,590-, filed August 29, 2000, of Blaze et al., the disclosure of each is herein incorporated by reference to the extent not inconsistent with the present disclosure.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 on page 14 with the following paragraph:

A split dome housing 7090 using the filter disk handling apparatus 10 of the present disclosure is illustrated in Figure 3. As will be noted, the split dome housing 7090 has only one stack of cell-type filter cartridges positioned therein. This is in contrast to the multi-round housing 60 illustrated in Figure 2 wherein multiple stacks of cell-type filter cartridges 14 are positioned inside the dome 62 during normal operations.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 on page 14 with the following paragraph:

Referring now to Figures 3-7, in order to remove the cartridge stack, the housing 7090 is vented, drained, and opened with the removal of the dome 72, as is known to those skilled in the art. A tightening nut 74 and protector plate 76 are removed from the upper end of the center post member 30, as is known to those skilled in the art. An attachment member 20, sized to be smaller than the central aperture of the cartridges, is then operatively connected to the center post 30. Such attachment member 20 should not be fully tightened and should turn freely after assembly thereon. Next, a hoist hook is attached to the attachment member 20 and an operator then raises the hoist straight up an appropriate distance, presently preferably about three inches, which is sufficient to clear the end of the adapter member 40 from the insert 70 of housing base 66. In Figure 6, the representative cartridge stack 14 is shown suspended above the housing base 66.